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The Pastor Speaks

"But Now is Christ Risen . . . " 1 Cor. 15:20

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ has been called the Gibraltar of Christian evidences and the Anvil from which all the hammers of criticism have never chipped a single fragment." The resurrection of Jesus Christ stands alone. It is absolutely unique. Christianity either rests or falls upon the vality of claims of the New Testament. I believe it! The Resurrection attests the inspiration of the Old Testament.

How do we know the old Testament was inspired? By the resurrection of Christ from the dead. How do we know the New Testament is inspired of God? By the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

The Tomb of Christ is empty -- The pyramids of Egypt are famous because they contain the mummified bodies of ancient Egyptian kings. Westminister Abbey in London is famous, because in it rest the bodies of English nobles and notables. Mohammed's tomb is noted for the stone coffin and the bones which it contains. Arlington Cemetery in Washington, D. C. is famous for it has the honored resting place of many outstanding Americans. There is, however, all the difference in the world between the tomb of Christ and these places which we have just mentioned. Famous and draw visitors from afar because of what they contain; while the Garden Tomb is famous because it is empty.

Rev. Earnie W. Lucas
Bible Baptist Church
Appomattox, Va. 24522

NATURAL DEATH AT THE WHEEL? -- A California survey, published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, reveals that of 1,026 drivers who died within 15 minutes after involvement in single vehicle crashes, 15 percent died of natural causes. Of these, 94 percent died of heart conditions and 40 percent of these were unaware of their conditions.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

Lesson for April 11, 1971

Background Scripture: I Corinthians 15.

Devotional Reading: I Corinthians 15:12-19

Several years ago a convicted murderer was sitting on San Quentin's death row," waiting for his execution. The man had never had any substantial exposure to religious teaching, but it was suggested that he might allow the chaplain to come and speak with him. Finding the convict virtually uninformed about the Christian faith, the chaplain told him the story of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. While speaking of Christ's resurrection appearances to his disciples, the prisoner impatiently interrupted: "O.K., O.K., Padre, so this Jesus made it -- good for him -- but what I want to know is what's in it for me?"

Death Shall Be No More

It may seem a very crude question, yet still a relevant one. What does the resurrection of Jesus mean? Is it simply the success story of one man who beat both death and the grave, or is there in it something to do with my life -- is there something in it for me?

The early church was convinced that the resurrection of Christ had everything in it for anyone who would turn to Christ as Lord and Saviour. In Philippians Paul wrote "All I want is to know the power of his resurrection . . ." In Romans he speaks of "quickening in" from the dead with Christ. The earliest preaching of the church in the book of Acts is a gospel of the resurrected Christ. So, to be able to sing, "I know that my Redeemer lives," means also to be able to add: "I too, I too shall live." What's in it for me is not only the knowledge that Jesus "made it," but that by his grace I can "make it" too.

John Donne, the English preacher and poet, is best known as the man who wrote, "No man is an island . . ." and that we should never seek to know "for whom the bell tolls . . ." He also had some striking words to say about the Easter faith:

Death be not proud,
though some have called thee
Mighty and dreadful,
for thou art not so:
For those whom thou think'st
thou dost overthrow
Die not, poor Death.
nor yet canst thou kill me.
Why swell'st thou then?
One short sleep past,
we wake eternally,
And Death shall be no more:
Death, thou shalt die.

To be able to look death in the eye and say, "Death, not I, but thou shall die!", that is also part of what's "in" the resurrection faith for us.

Therefore...

How can we explain what happens at death? Even when the writers of the four gospels tried to describe the nature of the appearance of the resurrected Christ, they ended up with accounts that were confusing and conflicting. Was he a vision or something solid? Was it his physical body they saw or something else? They could agree on having seen and spoken with Jesus, but they could not agree on the specifics of that experience. Paul describes resurrection as the survival of a "spiritual body," which also may be confusing. What he's trying to communicate here is the idea that by the power of God the spiritual essence or reality of a man survives the end death.

If we are assured resurrection, if we have eternity, we are free from the fear of ourselves whatever work us here and now after death, we experience life before what's "in it" for

(Based on outline by the Division of cation, National Churches of Christ Released by Service.)

Home

St. James Episcopal Cartersville, Va. a House Tested from 1 to 6 p.m.

ANNOUNCES FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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dren.

"My intentions are to enforce the law to the best of my ability," said the candidate. "The seven and one-half years I have worked with Sheriff Stanley have impressed me with his dedication to duty and devotion to the job to be done. I value both his experience and his helpfulness to me as I prepare for this new position."

To the voters he says, "I will appreciate your support in the June 8th primary."

Miss Dickerson's 4-H

Our 4-H class met April 1. We discussed our summer camp and slides were shown.

Applications will be given for members who want to attend. Camp will be the first week in August.

Speeches were given by several students. The following winners received ribbons: Karen Fratrick, Bud Rosser, Mary Dyess and Tamara Nash.

Our next meeting will be in May.

Timothy Page, Reporter

Get the Ad-Reading Habit

Receives Eight-Year Attendance Pin

The monthly meeting of the Oakville Ruritan Club was held Thursday night, April 1, at the Oakville School. Pictured is Buster Lucado receiving his eight-year perfect attendance pin from Ruritan president, Jim Nolen, while the club's newest member, Tommy Johnson, looks on. Buster has not missed a meeting since the club was organized in 1964. Final plans are being made for an auction sale scheduled for Saturday, May 22 at the Oakville School. Anyone having items which they would like to donate to the Ruritans for this sale please contact Mr. Robert Lucado or any club member. Also, articles may be sold on consignment.

by Ben Harvey, Reporter

Mrs. Webb's 4-H

Our 4-H Club met on April 2, 1971. After the regular business meeting we took a quiz on the 4-H Photo Fun Project. We gave the papers to Miss Mayton to check.

Next Miss Mayton gave us Dairy Guidelines on the June Is Dairy Month Poster Contest. We are to bring our posters to our May 4-H Club meeting.

Miss Mayton showed us how to make macrame belts from yarn.

Debbie Mottley, Reporter

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Church Services

METHODIST
Avenue & Court St.
Alfred Eastman
School —9:45 a.m.
K. Boyd, — Ben Wheeler
— 11 a.m.
Youth Fellowship —
p.m.
—7:30 p.m.
Choir —7:30 p.m.

ANNE'S CHURCH
Avenue
William M. Latta, Vicar
DAY
Communion
Egg Hunt
Church Women with
Lavhorne at the Parish

REEDY SPRINGS
School —10 a.m.
—11 a.m.—1st Sunday
—7:30 p.m. —3rd Sun-

VENTIST CHURCH
B. MacDaneel, Pastor
School Lesson 2 for
10, 1971.
Toward The Full-
ist.
Scripture: "And hath
things under His feet and
all." Eph. 1:22-23.
the writer: "No
lived who was a more
ergetic and self-
disciple of Christ
Paul. He was one of
greatest teachers.
the seas and traveled
ar, until a large
the world had learned
lips the story of the
s Christ." Testimonies
409.
Outline — 1. Faith,
Prayer, Eph. 1:15-16.
Wisdom and Know-
1:17. 3. Hope of the
iches of Glory. Eph.
Power to Believers,
1:19-20. 5. Grandeur and
His Exaltation. Eph.
minence of Jesus
urch. Eph. 1:22-23.
Paul asked the be-
now after having the
their understanding en-
ere the riches of
His inheritance and
wer of the resurrection.
same power that raised
from the dead will raise
Church and glorify it with

Sabbath School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Doors are welcomed. Come!

LIBERTY BAPTIST
Dr. Thomas D. Lea, Pastor
Appomattox, Virginia
ORDER OF SERVICES —
SUNDAY —
Sunday School —9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship — 11 a.m.
Training Union —6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship —7:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY—
Prayer Meeting —7:30 p.m.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School — 10 a.m.
Morning Worship — 11 a.m.
Youth Meeting — 6:45 p.m.
Choir Practice — 7 p.m.
Evening Service — 7:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY —
Prayer Meeting — 7:30 p.m.

RED OAK CHURCH
Oakville, Va.
Rev. G. Edward Hughes, Pastor
Sunday School — 9:45 a.m.
Robert Lucado, Director
Worship Service —10:55 a.m.
B.T.U. — 6:30 p.m.
Bill Williamson, Director
April 10—Easter Egg Hunt—2:30 p.m.
Easter Sunrise Service—6:30 a.m. —At Maple Grove Baptist Church
Easter Breakfast — 8 a.m. —at Red Oak Baptist Church.
April 14— Prayer & Bible Study at 7:30 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES
M. G. Stimpson, Pastor
APPOMATTOX C. H. —
Community Easter Sunrise Service - 6:30 a.m.
Message by Rev. Alfred Eastman.
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship — 11 a.m.
Anthem: "Thus On One Sunday Morning" by Price
Anthem: "The Risen Christ" by Smith
Message: "We Had Hoped"
TUESDAY —
Prayer - 7 p.m.
Choir - 7:45 p.m.

WALKER'S —
Morning Worship - 9:45 a.m.
Celebration o the Lord's Supper
Sunday School - 10:45 a.m.

Spring Concert At Park

Emory University Men's Glee Club filled the visitors center with music Thursday morning at Appomattox Court House National Historical Park. Appomattox County High School students and county residents sat on the steps and stood all around the room to hear a varied concert of sacred and patriotic numbers. Director is Harry Moon (shown directing, at left). For many of the singers from Atlanta, Ga., this was a first look at the National Park.

Revival

Revival services will be held at Spout Spring Baptist Church from Sunday, April 18 through Friday, April 23. Each service will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Reverend James Lowder, Sandston, Va., will be the evangelist. Special music will be provided each evening. The Rev. L. L. Schwemer, pastor, and the congregation of Spout Spring Baptist Church, is issuing an invitation to everyone to attend the services.

Keep Virginia Green

Revival Services

Revival services at Central Baptist Church will be held April 11 through April 16 at 8:00 each evening. Dr. Carl Collins, pastor of the Beulah Baptist Church, Lynchburg, and former pastor of Central, will be the evangelist starting on Monday. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services.

Chestnut Grove Sunrise Service

There will be a Sunrise Service at the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church Easter Sunday morning at 6 a.m. Everybody is welcome to come and worship with us. The pastor, the Rev. C. C. Arrington, from Lynchburg, will be the speaker.

APPO. PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.
Youth Service - 6:30 p.m.
Evangelistic Service - 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting — 7:30 p.m.

PROVIDENCE BAPTIST
Red House, Va.
Sunday School —10 a.m.
Preaching — 11 a.m. —2nd Sunday
Preaching—7:30 p.m.—4th Sunday

Film To Be Shown

A special Easter film entitled "He Lives" will be shown by Liberty Baptist Church on Thursday and Friday nights, April 8 and 9. The film will be shown in the church's parking lot at the intersection of Lee-Grant and Church Street. The film will be shown several times each night beginning at 7:30.

The film is the story of how a family found help from a deepening relationship to Jesus Christ, and it is thirty minutes in length. Families are urged to bring their children to view the film from their car or in chairs which will be provided in the parking lot. The film is being sponsored by the Baptist Men of Liberty Baptist Church.

Sunrise Service At Spout Spring

A Sunrise Service will be held at Old Concord Presbyterian Church at 6:30 Easter Sunday morning. The Rev. Omar Burnette will be the speaker. The public is invited to attend.

Birthday
Mrs. Dot Layne . . . . April 9

New Ministers Hear Discourse

"Implanting of the Word" was certainly the dominating thought in the minds of the delegates returning from a three-day seminar of Jehovah's Witnesses at the E. C. Glass High School in Lynchburg, Va., April 2-4, 1971.

In keeping with the theme of 'Implanting the Word', the Saturday night program presented a series of dramatizations, talks and interviews stressing the practical application of Bible principles to the problems of everyday living.

Sunday afternoon an audience of 2,019 heard Louis R. Beda, District Supervisor, deliver the public talk, "What's Behind the Spirit of Rebellion?" Mr. Beda pointed out that the Bible helps us to learn the background of rebellion against authority and that the real solution lies in God's Kingdom. To benefit from this Kingdom, we must follow God's ways as outlined in the Bible.

After this refreshing week end, the delegates are looking forward to their once a year celebration of the Lord's Evening Meal to be held on April 9th, at 8 p.m. in all congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses world wide.

Great Easter Services

REV. EARNIE W. LUCAS
PASTOR

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